Region 3 GPRA Baseline RCRA Corrective Action Facility

Western Berks Refuse Authority

Poplar Neck Road, RD #1
Birdsboro, PA 19508
Congressional District 6
EPA ID #: PAD000443705
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Current Progress at the Site

This facility is one of EPA Region III's high priority RCRA corrective action sites.

The Western Berks Refuse Authority facility operates as a Municipal Waste Landfill. As such, it is routinely monitored by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). Several fill areas were capped, most recently in March 2002. PADEP is currently assessing the groundwater contamination to determine whether additional contamination abatement activities are necessary.

Site Description

The Western.Berks Refuse Authority landfill is located approximately 13 miles southeast of Reading, PA. The property includes over 200 acres and four disposal sites. Past disposal included hazardous waste, delisted waste and municipal waste, It currently accepts only municipal waste. The Schuylkill River surrounds the property on three sides: south, east and west.

Site Responsibility

Remediation activities at this facility are being conducted under the direction of the PADEP.

Contaminants

Groundwater beneath the facility is contaminated with heavy metals and organic compounds. The former landfill areas have been closed. PADEP is evaluating the post-closure groundwater conditions to determine whether additional action is needed to reduce the contamination to acceptable levels.

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